
SENATE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING, LAND USE COMMISSION, HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AND COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENTS TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE BUILDING HEALTHY PLACES TOOLKIT REPORT BY THE URBAN LAND INSTITUTE, OR SIMILAR POLICIES THAT PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT THAT STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SMART GROWTH PRINCIPLES.

1 WHEREAS, many communities and countries are facing
2 troubling health trends; and
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4 WHEREAS, by 2030, chronic diseases will cause 52,000,000
5 global deaths per year, nearly five times the number of deaths
6 from communicable diseases; and
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8 WHEREAS, according to the Hawaii State Plan on Aging, in
9 2030, 29.7 percent of the total population will be comprised of
10 individuals 65 years of age and older; and
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12 WHEREAS, physical activity, access to healthy food and
13 drinking water, and exposure to a healthy environment with a
14 high degree of social interaction are three components that will
15 prolong life expectancy and assure a better quality of life; and
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17 WHEREAS, incorporating a mix of land uses, designing well-
18 connected street networks at the human scale, providing
19 sidewalks and enticing pedestrian-oriented streetscapes,
20 providing infrastructure to support biking, designing visible
21 and enticing stairs to encourage frequent use, installing stair
22 prompts and signage, providing high-quality spaces for multi-
23 generational play and recreation, and building play spaces for
24 children are qualities that promote physical activity; and
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26 WHEREAS, accommodating a grocery store, hosting a farmers
27 market, promoting healthy-food retail, and supporting on-site



1 gardening and farming all enhance access to healthy food and
2 drinking water; and
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4 WHEREAS, banning smoking, using materials and products that
5 support healthy indoor air quality, facilitating proper
6 ventilation and airflow, maximizing indoor lighting quality,
7 minimizing noise pollution, increasing access to nature, and
8 facilitating social engagement are key to a healthy environment
9 with a high degree of social interaction; and
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11 WHEREAS, the design of an environment that promotes
12 physical activity, access to healthy food and drinking water,
13 and exposure to a healthy environment is a key element in
14 combating the risk factors for chronic disease; and
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16 WHEREAS, communities and projects that are able to meet the
17 market demand for land use and health will see their value
18 endure over time; and
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20 WHEREAS, more than half of Americans want to live in a
21 community that has transit, and fifty-three percent want to be
22 close to shops, restaurants, and offices; and
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24 WHEREAS, development strategies that can improve health
25 outcomes, such as providing protected bikeways, minimizing noise
26 pollution, and offering amenities, are highlighted in "Building
27 Healthy Places Toolkit: Strategies for Enhancing Health in the
28 Built Environment" by the Urban Land Institute; and
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30 WHEREAS, the Building Healthy Places Toolkit report
31 outlines twenty-one practical, evidence-based recommendations
32 that the development community can use to promote health at the
33 building and project scale; now, therefore,
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35 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
36 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015,
37 that the Office of Planning, Land Use Commission, Hawaii
38 Community Development Authority, Hawaii Housing Finance and
39 Development Corporation, and county planning departments are
40 encouraged to adopt and implement the twenty-one recommendations
41 highlighted in the Building Health Places Toolkit report by the
42 Urban Land Institute, or similar policies that provide a



1 comprehensive approach to land use and development that
2 strengthen community health and smart growth principles; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning, Land
5 Use Commission, Hawaii Community Development Authority, Hawaii
6 Housing Finance and Development Corporation, and county planning
7 departments are encouraged to seek public and professional input
8 and consult and collaborate with stakeholders most affected by
9 the Urban Land Institute's Building Healthy Places Toolkit
10 report; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Office of
14 Planning, Chairperson of the Land Use Commission, Chairperson of
15 the Hawaii Community Development Authority, Executive Director
16 of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation,
17 Director of the Planning Department for Hawaii County, Director
18 of the Department of Planning for Maui County, Director of the
19 Department of Planning and Permitting for the City and County of
20 Honolulu, and Director of the Department of Planning for Kauai
21 County.
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